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## Potrero Power Plant Poses Questions on Health Issues

#### By Julia Segrove

On February 17, Potrero Hill residents braved the rain and threat of a major thunderstorm to attend a community workshop about the controversial proposed Potrero Power Plant Project, now under review by the California Energy Commission (CEC). As reported in the February View, the proposed "state of the art" power plant would expand the existing Potrero Plant facility located at 23rd and Illinois Streets. At present, that power plant consists of three 52-megawatt combustion turbine units, one 206-megawatt steam turbine unit and a 320 ft. high smokestack.

If the CEC approves the expansion, Southern Energy California (SECAL) and its subsidiary, Southern Energy Potrero (SEP), will own and operate the facility. The expansion is expected to cost between \$260-\$320 million and will be fully operational by summer of 2003.

Sponsored by the Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and the Potrero Health Center, the community workshop, held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, provided Hill residents with an overview of the project and information about the impact the expansion is expected to have on Potrero Hill.

The proposed expansion would add a 540-megawatt natural gas fired generating plant and add two 180-ft. smokestacks to the existing power plant. A new pollution control method that limits emissions of nitrogen and carbon monoxide, the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system, will also be used at the new plant. Aqueous ammonia, a chemical now in use at the existing power plant, is used as a reagent in the SCR system. That means, every five days deliveries of aqueous ammonia will be dropped off at the plant and stored in two identical 20,000-gallon aboveground storage tanks.

If a spill or power plant accident occurred, the release of aqueous ammonia, a toxic chemical, would present the community with a major health issue.

The proposed power plant will use water from the San Francisco Bay for cooling purposes at the rate of 158,000 gallons per minute (228 million gallons per day), with discharged water returned to the bay via four pipes with outfalls about 700 feet offshore from the plant site. Water supplied by the City's system will be used in the steam production process as well as for wash water and potable water. The combined rate of water comsumption is projected to be 50 gallons per minute (72,000 gallons per day).

According to CBE Research Associate Azibuike Akaba, the proposed Potrero Power Plant will operate 24 hours, seven days a week and continuously emit sulfur oxides and other particulate dusts into the air. For children, the elderly, athletes and people with preexisting cal conditions such as asthma, emphysema and other respiratory ailments these emissions could pose a serious health threat to many members of our community. Also, since our neighborhood is situated between two freeways and adjacent to several industries, the proposed power plant has the potential of elevating Potrero Hill's already high level of air pollution to a serious, more critical level.

CBE attorney Anne Simon, who presented a brief overview of the California Energy Commission's (CEC) facility certification process, told workshop attendees that the CEC is currently reviewing data about the proposed project and its impact on public health and safety and environmental resources. The Commission will evaluate a draft of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by May 31. And, in June, the CEC will conduct a

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Sturdy fencing and a sign that proclaims, "WARNING: This facility uses chemicals known by the State to cause cancer or reproductive harm," stand in front of the Potrero Power Plant at 23rd and Indiana Streets.

Ruth Passen photo



Supervisor Sophie Maxwell spoke at the February 12 City Hall announcement of plans for Esprit Park. Flanked behind her are Maruccia Iaconi and Lynn Brown, leaders of the drive to save the park.

Frank Kingman photo

## Esprit Park is a Dream About to Come True!

#### By Judy Baston

Supporters of Potrero Hill's Esprit Park had to pinch themselves to prove they weren't dreaming - the Feb. 12 City Hall announcement that a deal had been struck between the Esprit Corp. and the City that would result in the city's acquisition of the Minnesota Street parkland.

More than 15 members of Friends of Esprit Park were on hand to celebrate the official announcement of the agreement between Esprit and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

The pact calls for Esprit to donate the two acre Esprit Park to the city in exchange for development assurances - with a waiver of planning fees - that will enable the corporation to sell its four acre Illinois Street parcel. A corporate campus is envisioned for that site, which currently houses the Esprit outlet.

If that parcel, which is part of the Mission Bay project area, is not developed within 10 years, then that part of the agreement expires. However, if that happened, it would not affect the fate of Esprit Park. If the agreement passes through the approval processes scheduled in the next few months, Esprit Park will remain a park forever.

Because the agreement is subject to approval by the Redevelopment Commission and the Board of Supervisors, members of Friends of Esprit Park aren't popping champagne corks just yet. Friends representatives indicate that continued community activity in support of the park is crucial during the agreement's coming approval process.

That the agreement came about in the first place is the result of a concerted effort that began five years ago after the Esprit Corp. changed hands and the new owners indicated the park would be up for sale.

Friends of Esprit Park was born at that point and kept up what spokeswoman Mariuccia laconi calls "continuous clamor," winning support for the city's purchase of the park from public officials, as well as members of the city's Open Space Advisory Committee.

However, even as the support was growing, real estate prices were soaring and runaway loft construction was spreading on Potrero Hill.

While the Open Space Advisory Committee over a period of several years had approved the allocation of two million dollars for the park's purchase, the valuation of Esprit Park had risen from approximately \$4 million dollars to \$10 million. The city purchase of the park that had once seemed within reach had begun to feel like a vanishing dream for many park supporters.

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#### PROUD PUBLIC SERVANTS



Newly appointed Chief Public Defender Kimiko Burton Cruz was sworn into office by her father, State Senator John Burton, at a special inaugural event held at Delaneey Street, February 8. Both Burtons are longtime Hill residents. Marion Norberg photo

#### GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (March I) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. Refreshments after the meeting.

POTRERO HILL HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD meets the first Monday of the month (March 5) 4 to 5:30 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public. The March agenda will focus on the upcoming Town Hall meeting on strategic planning for Public Health.

DOGPATCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. meets the first Tuesday of the month (March 6) 7 p.m., at 950 Tennessee St (at Watermark). At 8:00 p.m. a representative of the Marint Corp. (formerly Southern Energy) will discuss the proposed expansion of the power plant at the bottom of the Hill. Also invited to speak is Steven Moss, independent Environmental Consultant.

PHAB (Potrero Hill Assn. of Merchants and Businesses) meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (March 13) at 10 a.m. in the Goat Hill Pizza; Connecticut and 17th Sts.

STARR KING PARK BOARD OP DIRECTORS meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (March 14) at 7:00 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 20th Street. The Saturday morning work parties at 9 a.m. will continue every month on the third Saturday (March 17). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Streets.

POTRERO BOOSTERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION meets the last Tuesday of the month (March 27) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th Street. For details, call Dick Millet at 861-0345.

POTRERO HILL GARDEN CLUB meets the last Sunday of the month (March 25) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrcro Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session only. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.



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#### **Street Geology**

Editor:

I have very much enjoyed your recent articles on Potrero Hill street names in The View, and am hoping that you can resolve an issue which has gnawed at me (along with most others who live on the Hill, I suspect): why are the statenamed streets in the order they're in? Connecticut and Arkansas have surely never been as close to one another as they are on Potrero Hill.

My subconscious mind has been chewing on this for a while, and driving past Pennsylvania and Mississippi one night, a distant synapse fired: "weren't the Pennsylvanian and Mississippian two geologic periods, with one coming immediately after the other?" I thought to myself excitedly.

While I didn't remember any other geologic periods being named after a state, a "Missourian" certainly seemed plausible (yes, a "Rhode Islander Period" seemed a little far fetched). However, web surfing revealed that while the Pennsylvanian Period (325 to 286 million years ago) did immediately follow the Mississippian Period (360 to 325 million years ago), no other geologie period is named after a state. Damn.

ls the truth out there?
Bryan Cantrill

#### Cornhusker Lament

Editor:

We have enjoyed both articles in the View. Looks like you tapped into a movement that's gaining a lot of steam. We truly hope it keeps going and results in name restorations.

Now, for our own concern: Please don't let this movement limit itself to the County names running east west. We live on San Bruno Avenue between 18th and 19th Streets. We have always wondered why our street was not named after a state as were all the others. We find out from your work that our street was formerly Nebraska. Now we assume it must have changed in 1895 - or perhaps it changed when highway 101 came through and cut our street into short segments.

Could you please write about the how, when, and why Nebraska Street became San Bruno Ave?

As a 4th generation native of the City, I shared the stereotypical Impression that San Bruno Ave. ran out by Silver. Years ago we were surprised to learn that it included three freeway-broken sections on the hill.

My wife, a descendant of Nebraska, would love to see the old name restored.

Mark and Tracy Murray San Bruno Avenue



## Annual Art Exhibit Seeks Local Artists

The 46th Annual Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition will open on Saturday, March 31, with a reception for the artists that will take place from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Potrero branch of the San Francisco Public Library, 1616-20th St.

The unjuried exhibition will run from March 31 - April 28, 2001. Artists who live, work, or study on Potrero Hill are invited to submit up to two works, sturdily framed, prepared with wire, ready to hang, with the work's title and medium, and the artist's name attached firmly to the submission.

Artwork will be accepted from March 13 through March 24, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The library will not accept artwork before or after these dates.

All submissions must be retrieved from the library no later than 5 p.m., April 28, and all works must remain at the library for the duration of the exhibition. The San Francisco Public Library cannot be responsible for damage to or loss of the

The Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition is the oldest annual art show in San Francisco, and owes its longevity to a group of artists who painted with, or under the tutlage of, the late Charles Farr.

Questions regarding the exhibition should be directed to Sally Goodwin at 285-1229. Inquiries regarding sponsorship or refreshments for the event should be directed to Marion Norberg at 550-1170.



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#### BLUE ON GREEN AT ARTISTS EXHIBITION

The 46th Annual Artists Exhibition opens on Saturday, March 31, 2001 with a reception for the Artists from 6:30 - 9 p.m., at the Potrero Library. "Blue on Green," a blues group, will provide music for the event. The unjuried exhibition will run from March 31 -April 28. Artists who live, work, or study on Potrero Hill are invited to submit two works, sturdily framed, prepared with wire, ready to hang, with the work's title, medium and the artist's name attached firmly to the submission. Artwork will be accepted between 10 a.m., March 13, and 5 p.m., April 28. All works must remain at the library for the duration of the exhibition. The San Francisco Public Library cannot be responsible for damage to or loss of the work.

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#### INSTAMATIC GRATIFICATION DEPARTMENT

In last month's column we solicited photographs inclusive of the African-American and more recent immigrant populations on Potrero Hill in order that the collection reflect the totality of the history of Potrero Hill. Peter Linenthal, the collection's archivist, arrived at the library mid-month with enlargements of photographs from the 1970s. The 1970s-era photos add an important dimension to the existing collection. The library now boasts a two-floor installation of the archival photographs. A legend to accompany the installation will be available soon.

#### DEATH OP TAXES?

An old saw has it that nothing is permanent but death and taxes. We hope to capture the spirit of that saying in an exhibition in the library's display case during the month of March, when our patrons will be preparing to share their dividends with the government, so that it can apportion any embarrassmants of riches to worthy institutions such as ours.

Scems like a timely exhibit as the Death of Taxes is threatened by the current administration. Let's not forget where those taxes go, and why we need them so! We are optimistic that you will put up a fight to keep our social wage from being depleted by the profithungry.

#### THANK YOU

This month we would like to thank our supporters at Anchor Brewing Company for spiriting another gift our way. With this most recent donation we hope to purchase a safer set of stacking chairs for our children's room.

Thank you also to Wade Randlett for the WebTV device. We understand that you can channel past lives over this gizmo: a great resource for those involved in genealogy research here at the library.

#### ATTENTION JOGGERS, WALKERS AND PASSERSBY

Hard to believe that anyone would steal from themselves by stealing from the library, let alone on Sunday, when so many in our community are occupied with elevating the moral high ground. And yet, subscriptions to the library's newspapers which arrive on Sunday and Monday when the library is closed are found to be missing by the time we open on Tuesday. To help minimize the impact of this seemingly petty thiev-ery, we are looking for trustworthy volunteers. If you regularly pass by the library in the early morning would you be willing to deposit the tempting newspapers in the library's bookdrop? Here's an opportunity to exercise vigilance without turning into a vigilante!

#### CHILDREN'S BOOK PRESS PRESSES ON!

On Saturday, March 3, at 4 p.m., the library will be visited once again by an illustrator from Children's Book Press. We will welcome Elizabeth Gomez, illustrator of "The Upside Down Boy/El Nino de Cabeza." Ms. Gomez will share her work and lead an art workshop, teaching children to create self-portraits.

#### POTRERO MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WORKSHOP

On Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m. - noon, the San Francisco PTA will sponsor a Family Arts Workshop at Potrero Middle School. The event features Taylor 2, the second company of Paul Taylor Dance Company, as well as workshops in dance, music, the visual arts and theatre. What an exceptional opportunity for children to gear into programs in the arts and learn the ropes from performing arts professionals! A frequently-asked question from parents and others concerned with childrearing is "How do we combat the alienation which our culture relentlessly instills in our children?" Though there are no simple answers, we do know that two established habits have proven records: 1) Reading aloud to children and visiting the library on a regular basis with them from infancy, and 2) helping them find self-expres through an artistic discipline. The library is always here to accomplish the first activity, and the Family Arts Workshop offers a unique platform for the second. See you there!

#### EXPLORE LITERATURE THROUGH ART

On Saturday, March 24, at 4 p.m., Potrero Library will host Sophie Maletsky in a program for children

#### THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY



If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them

# IEN VIEW.

POTRERO LIBRARY AND STAPFING THREATENED BY BUDGET CUTS
Potrero Hill residents could suffer a drastic cutback in library hours, staffing and resources if a proposal to downgrade the branch library into a Reading Center is successful. The library system is anticipating at least a quarter million dollar deficit, half of which would come from Branch Library budgets. Reading Centers have no full-time librarians; hours would be cut to 20 hours over four days; Reading Centers have a much smaller complement of books. Previous proposals to close or cut back on the Potrero Branch Library have met with stiff resistance, and were eventually jettisoned.

HOSPITAL PARKING GARAGE GETS EIR PUNDING OK

After months of delay, an environmental consultant was finally chosen to perform an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed parking garage at 23rd and Utah streets. The delay was partly the result of the City's policy requiring a city-based, minority-owned business be given priority for city jobs. The Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee released funds to pay the EIR consultant and begin the toxic cleanup on the site.

HILL FOLK COMPLAIN ABOUT MUNI BUS ROUTES

Recent changes in bus routes serving Potrero Hill have some residents up in arms. Complaints about the lack of service and the poor timing of schedules were common. San Francisco General Hospital had run a shuttle to the 24th Street BART station when the 1989 earthquake disrupted transportation. This service was dropped because of budget cuts in 1990

ASSEMBLYMAN BURTON ONE OP POUR TO VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION OP SUPPORT FOR DESERT STORM

Assemblyman John Burton (now majority leader of the State Senate) was one of only four Assembly members to vote against a resolution supporting the actions of the President in pursuit of a policy for the liberation of Kuwait. Burton felt that the President had not done enough to avoid going to war before committing troops to the conflict. At the time of the Vietnam War, Burton and Willie Brown (then Assemblyman) were among the only elected officials anywhere in the U.S. to vote against resolutions supporting the U.S. presence in Southeast Asia.

NABE'S BOB HAYES HONORED AS AN "UNSUNG HERO"

Bob Hayes was one of ten San Franciscans honored as an "Unsung Hero" at an African-American History celebration hosted by the Western Addition and Bayview/Anna E. Waden branches of the Public Library on Feb. 24. For 17 years he had been a counselor and photography teacher at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. He always had time to listen to those who would seek him out with problems. At the award ceremony, Bob described himself as "just a link in a chain—our staff is a family of friends who work for the community."

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called "Explore Literature Through Art." Ms. Maletsky's program comes highly recommended for the enthusiastic as well as the reluctant reader.

#### WORD POR WORD FOR ONE AND ALL

On Saturday, March 31, at 4 p.m., Word for Word Performing Arts Company will perform the folk stories "Visilisa the Brave" and "Baba Yaga" for children and adults.

#### SAT WORKSHOPS

Potrero Library will be one of four sites where a series of four Preparing for the SAT workshops will take place. The workshops will take place on Saturday, March 31, April 21, and April 28 from 1-3:30 p.m. Please call 695-6640 to register for the free workshops, which are open to high school students only.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursday, March 1, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime for children age four and over takes place on Tuesday, March 13, 20, and 27 at 7 p.m. The film, "Caps for Sale" will be shown on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

- \* Azzopardi, Trezza. "The Hiding Place." In 1960s Wales, a young girl comes of age as her family and their luck disintegrate.
- \* Dorrestein, Renate. "A Heart of Stone." Best-selling Dutch novel is a riveting psychological thriller that excels at describing how an eccentric family is destroyed by the madness of one of its members.
- \* Elam, Patricia. "Breathing Room." Evolving relationship between two African-American women is the center-

piece of this spirited, fluid, debut novel set in contemporary Washington, D.C. The reality of contemporary middle-class African-American life is scrutinized with a certain insightful, if painful honesty.

- \* Yamanada, Lois-Ann. "Father of the Four Passages." Fuses the visceral with the lyrical in hard-hitting portraits of fractured Japanese Hawaiian families. Courageous and poetic, embracing both sorrow and hope, this beautiful novel is the author's most daring and challenging work to date.
- \* Castro, Fidel. "Capitalism in Crisis: globalization and world politics today." Fidel Castro provides a dissenting voice on the wonders of "globalization." Contains speeches and memoranda over the previous two years which cut through the mystification of "invisible hand of the marketplace" mumbo-jumbo.
- \* DeLaughter, Bobby. "Never Too Late: the prosecutor's story of justice in the Medgar Evers case." The Mississippi Assistant DA who prosecuted the 26-year-old murder case debuts with an absorbing chronicle of murder, racism and justice with no deliberate speed.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER POR CHILDREN

- \* Blackwood, Gary. "Shakespeare's Scribe"
- \* Lowry, Lois. "Gathering Blue"
- \* Rinaldi, Ann. "Journey of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: a pilgrim boy"
- \* Sachar, Louis. "Marvin Redpost: super fast, out of control!"
- \* Anderson, Joan. "Rookie: Tamika Whitmore's first year in the WNBA"
  - \* Grau, Andree. "Dance"

Toba Singer Branch Librarian

#### **Ten Years Ago**

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#### PG&E TO REPLACE GAS LINES

Construction crews were to begin tearing up streets to replace aging gas pipelines on Rhode Island between 20th and 25th, and between Rhode Island and Pennsylvania Streets. The work was expected to take from April 1 to November.

NEIGHBORS UPSET BY LACK OF PROGRESS ON STARR KING PARK

Starr King Park was created in 1984, when the Barratt Corp. constructed the Parkview Heights development on the south slope of the Hill. Money was set aside, but unforeseen problems prevented the carrying out of plans for grading, landscaping and irrigation. The space was to be maintained with native and nonnative plants. But the City had not allocated any water for irrigation. Another problem was an ongoing dispute with a neighbor over a short paved street, Coral Road, that curves into the park from Carolina Street.

#### MARTIN DE PORRES HOSPITALITY HOUSE GETS VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HILL

At Martin's you don't see bowls of soup lined up on a counter. Each bowl is filled by a volunteer, then handed to the guest with eye contact, a smile and a word or two. A number of Ilill residents volunteer to serve soup, chop vegetables, and otherwise help to keep the facility going. Among them were John Cooper, a retired teacher of Special Education, who lives on Texas Street, and said, "There is no question that I'm getting more out of this than I'm giving." Nina Gershater, a long-time resident of Arkansas Street, retired from her nursing job at S.F. General Hospital after a heart attack, said "It's made a great difference in my life, and the people we serve are so appreciative of what we do." In addition to the food, the mostly homeless guests have available a hot shower, perhaps a better pair of shoes or a coat, and help with dealing with the social services bureaucracies.

#### AND TWENTY YEARS AGO.

16 new police officers were assigned to the Potrero Station...expiration of CETA, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, threatened cuts in services throughout the City. But the Neighborhood House and the Pickle Family Circus managed to get extensions of their contracts. Further belt-tightening measures proposed by the new Reagan Administration could doom the entire CETA Project by October...Joan Tricamo was praised for the work she did in preventing the expansion of PG&E's plant at the eastern foot of Potrero Hill...Tillie Olsen's short story, "Tell Me A Riddle," was turned into a film directed by Lee Grant, and starred Melvyn Douglas and Lila Kedrova. Potrero Hill resident Winifred Mann had an important part in the film.





#### **BACH AT ST. GREGORY'S**



The vocal quartet Sogni d'oro will perform Bach's Cantata 106, Actus Tragicus on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. at St. Gregory Nyssen Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa Streets, in San Francisco. For tickets call (650) 299-8616. The concert is sponsored by the California Bach Society, and the performers are (from left to right) Suzanne Elder Wallace, Hugh Davies, Ruth Escher and Neal Rogers.

## Planning for a New Baby? Advice Available at Hill Health Center

It's never too early to start planning and preparing for a healthy baby! There are many things parents can do before a baby is born to help prepare for a healthy child. For example, eating healthy foods and cutting down on smoking will help assure a healthier baby.

The Caleb G. Clark Potrero Hill Health Center at 1050 Wisconsin St. offers a friendly environment where expecting parents can get comprehensive prenatal services. These services range from helping to plan a pregnancy, to nutrition and health counseling during regular prenatal appointments, all the way to delivery of your child by a Potrero Hill Health Center doctor, and care for you and your baby after the baby is born.

Jannie Laurent, who had a healthy baby girl said, "The nurses were very helpful in giving me information and advice about my pregnancy, and were very supportive." She was also impressed that her older daughter was welcome at her prenatal appointments. "My daughter loved to come to the prenatal appointments and listen to the heartbeat of the new baby."

Yeny Padilla, who had a healthy baby boy, appreciated that "so many of the clinic staff spoke Spanish." She was also happy that "I knew the doctor at the clinic that was going to deliver my baby, and that was important to me." The Potrero Hill Health Center staff includes doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, nutritionists, and social workers providing an array of services to help you have a healthy baby. These include:

- \* Regular prenatal check-ups during the whole pregnancy
- \* Appointment with a nutritionist to help plan a healthy diet during pregnancy
- \* Education and advice about pregnancy, childbirth, and baby care
- \* Help with applying for programs such as Medi-Cal, WIC, and AFDC
- \* Help with cutting down or quitting smoking, drinking, or using drugs
- \* Counseling on problems related to pregnancy
- \* Delivery of the baby by a Potrero Hill Health Center doctor
- \* Expectant fathers welcome at all clinic visits and at the delivery of the baby

The staff at Potrero Hill Ilealth Center want to help all pregnancies end with a healthy baby. For more information about prenatal care or other primary care services, please call the Potrero Hill Health Center at 648-3022.

Jonathan Barash, M.D.
Family Physician
Co-Director, Prenatal Partnership Program
Community Health Network, DPH



## New Trauma Center For SFGH?

San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center (SFGH) has been an important provider of health care for over 100 years. In addition to its mission to meet the basic health needs of all San Fransicans, SFGH provides its residents with the finest emergency and trauma service, trains future caregivers and is at the forefront of medical research.

The state has passed legislation that requires all California hospitals to meet

greater seismic safety standards. After reviewing the options, it was decided that the best and most cost-effective solution that mccts the new seismic standards is to build the Acute Care Hospital/Trauma Center next to the main hospital.

The public is invited to a community meeting on the proposed new Acute Care Hospital Trauma at SFGH, Tuesday March 6, from 7-8:30 p.m., in the 2nd floor Cafeteria, main hospital building.

For more information call 206-2332.



The quiet park sits under the 20th Street overpass.

## Esprit Park a Dream About to Come True!

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The break that park supporters were hoping for came late last year when Esprit decided it was time to put the four acres on Illinois Street on the market. Faced with development fees that could total \$3.8 million, and aware of the community's desire to see the park remain open space, Esprit representatives opened discussions on crafting a tradeoff.

Years of consistent pressure from Friends of Esprit Park and hundreds of supporters of the parkland had translated into hundreds of letters to Mayor Willic Brown over the years voicing support for Esprit Park.

When presented with the possibility of a deal that could make the park acquisition a reality, Brown agreed to step in and enable the City to help broker the final stages of the agreement. And even during these final stages, the Mayor continued to receive letters from Esprit Park backers.

A four page term sheet was signed in early February by Esprit CEO Joseph Heid, San Francisco Redevelopement Agency Jim Morales and Brown. The agreement calls for Redevelopment and Esprit to enter into an Owner Partici-

pation Agreement (OPA). The OPA calls for the transfer of the park at no cost to the city, in exchange for which Esprit will receive credit for approximately \$3.8 million in development fees.

While Friends of Esprit Park are extremely excited by the agreement, they caution park supporters that it is by no means a "done deal." The agreement requires approval by the Redevelopment Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

In addition, the Park and Recreation Commission must vote that they want Esprit Park to fall under that department's jurisdiction. Friends of Esprit Park expects that vote to come up before Park and Rec on March 15.

If the final version of the OPA is completed by March 9, as expected, it will then be presented to the Redevelopment Commission and a public hearing could be scheduled before the end of March. Immediately following approval by Redevelopment, the matter will go before the Board of Supervisors.

Friends of Esprit Park is urging a major effort to let members of the Board of Supervisors know how important the park is to Potrero Hill and the eastern part of the city. "Approval by the Board of Supervisors isn't a cinch," laconi told The View. Park supporters fear there may be some opposition to the tradeoff because of the development fee waiver.

Newly elected Supervisor Sophie Maxwell - whose District 10 includes both Esprit Park and the Illinois Street Mission Bay parcel - pledged support for Esprit Park during her campaign. "I have made acquisition of this park a priority and I look forward to working with the Mayor



Special art exhibits were a regular feature at the park under the old Esprit owners.

Lester Zeidman photo

and other members of the Board of Supervisors in bringing this agreement to fruition," Maxwell said.

In addition to Maxwell, all returning Supervisors - Tom Ammiano, Leland Yee, Mark Leno and Gavin Newsom, as well as former Supervisor Sue Bierman - had signed resolutions of support for the park. Getting the backing of the other six newly elected district Supervisors will be the Friends' top priority.

laconi urges Hill residents to attend all three hearings, and to call the Friends of

Esprit Park hotline at (415) 641-7884 for an update on meeting dates and times.

Once the agreement has made its way successfully through the approval process, Esprit Park will be under the jurisdiction of Park and Rec, who will assume responsibility for its maintenance.

"The challenge in the future of keeping the park as lovely as it had been could make our efforts to get the park seem relatively easy in comparison," Jaconi noted

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### Potrero Power Plant Poses Questions On Health Issues

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public comment period. In mid-July the CEC will release a final EIR.

At present, CBE, Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice (SAEJ), the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn., Californians for Renewable Energy, the City and County of San Francisco and Our Children's Earth Foundation have intervenor status in the case, thus giving each group the right to formally participate in the Energy Commission's licensing process, receive copies of documents filed in the case, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

At the end of September, the Commission must make a decision and propose permit conditions for the plant. "Their job is to get power plants built," says Simon, who urged concerned individuals and community groups to participate in the public comment process that begins shortly after CEC announces its decision.

"The proposed power plant has enormous impact — both positive and negative — for our neighborhood and the community should be part of the solution," says John Borg of the Dogpatch Association, a group of community activists who are monitoring the proposed plant's impacts on health and environment.

The City is sponsoring a Public Task Force meeting on March 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Residents are encouraged to attend that meeting, share their concerns with members of the Task Force and learn more about the status of the proposed project.

Those serving on the Task Force include Sarah Ames, Greg Asay (Sup. Sophie Maxwell's office), Bob Boileau John Borg, Joe Boss, Angela Calvilleo (Sup. Tom Ammiano's office), Philip De Andrade, Babette Drefke, Jim Firth, Larry Klein (PUC), Riohard Lee (Health

Dept.), Francesca Victor (Dept. of Environment, and Claude Wilson (SAGE).

For more information about the Task Force meeting, call Jill Lerner at 554-6075 in City Hall.

For more information about the California Energy Commission Power Plant Licensing Proceeding or more facts on the Power Plant Project, go to www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/potrero Information is also available at the Potrero Hill and Bayview Hunters Point branches of the Public Library.



#### S.F. Schools **Emphasize** Family-Friendly **Environment**

As an effort by the San Francisco Unified School District to improve customer service and make its enrollment process more family-friendly is getting a boost from a public-school advocacy group: Parents for Public Schools (PPS).

"The school district wants families to feel comfortable choosing a school and going through the application process," says Sandra Halladey, associate director of PPS.

The organization took the lead in organizing an elementary school fair, in conjunction with the school district, the PTA, Greatschools.net and KGO-TV (Ch. 7), drawing more than 1,000 visitors and emphasizing the district's new commitment to outreach and welcoming families. PPS has also created a task force to advise the district on enrollment and recruitment to public schools.

"San Francisco has many schools that offer an excellent education and firstrate resources - and boast the results and test scores to prove it," Halladey says. "Some parents have gotten the idea that only a few widely known schools are worth considering, but when you take a close look, there are many great public schools that aren't as wellknown. And families can choose from valuable programs like two-way language immersion, where native speakers of English and Spanish or Chinese learn together and become fluent in both languages," she adds.

Parents for Public Schools encourages families to consider nearby schools, on the philosophy that strong local schools strengthen communities - along with making life easier on overstressed parents in an era when many feel like taxi drivers.

Yet Halladey also emphasizes that

parents can apply to any school in the district, making "school choice" a reality for San Francisco parents. "Many parents believe that they can only apply to 'alternative' schools, but that's not true - all schools are open to them as long as there's room" Halladey says. She also reminds parents that they need to apply, children will not get a school assignment automatically.

Although official enrollment deadline for San Francisco public schools was Feb. 2, applications will continue to be accepted for families that missed the deadline on new arrivals; those applicants will be placed and notified later than those who met the deadline. Many families also continue checking out schools after their applications are turned in, especially those who applied to popular schools that receive more applicants than they have openings.

Enrollment applications must be completed for all students new to the school district, especially kindergartners. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must turn 5 on or before Dec. 2, 2001.

Parents or guardians must complete applications for fifth-and eighthgraders who expect to move into a different San Francisco public school in the fall, as well as for students who want to enter a new pubic school at any grade level.

Enrollment applications may be submitted to any San Francisco public school, any Child Development Center, any Parent Information Center or the Educational Placement Center at district headquarters, 555 Franklin St., Room 100. Families with questions about the application or placement process may contact the district's Educational Placement Center at (415) 241-6085 or go to www.sfusd.edu

Parents for Public Schools is a local chapter of a national organization dedicated to recruiting students, involving parents and improving public schools. For information, go to www.parents4publicschools.com or call (415) 642-6260.

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#### Plans Announced to Rename School to Honor Enola Maxwell

The process is now beginning for Potrero
Hill Middle School of the Arts to be reits Executive Director since February named the Enola D. Maxwell School of the Arts. Earlier this month I asked Ms. Maxwell if she would honor the School District by allowing us to use her name. When she said yes she helped us take the first step in creating a new and exciting environment to inspire students, teachers. parents and the community.

As one of the newest members of the San Francisco Board of Education, I'm very sensitive that voters elected me because they want students to come first. If students are to believe they, and their education are special, certainly they must also believe their learning environment is extraordinary.

Placing the name of such a respected community hero as Enola D. Maxwell over this school will serve as a source of pride for years to come.

The decision to change a school name is not made lightly. Many presume for a person to be honored they must be dead. That is not true. The Rosa Parks Elementary School, for instance, is named for the civil rights pioneer who today lives in Detroit, Michigan.

Enola Maxwell is still very much alive and her list of community contributions goes back several generations. Her roots are firmly planted at the Potrero Hill

its Executive Director since February

To learn specifically what Potrero Hill residents and the school community think, we are going to ask them. Our plans include surveying students, teachers and those living in the neighborhood. Potrero Hill Middle School teacher Tony Alvite will encourage students to participate within the structure of a learning environment. As we learn what people think, we believe the relationship between residents and students of Potrero llill will be strengthened.

We also want to hear the views of those living in other parts of the city. As we move through this process, we anticipate hearing many new ideas, even from those who don't want the name changed. The prospect of hearing a wide diversity of viewpoints is indeed excit-

We want to know what you think and there are several ways to do that. One way is to send your thoughts to me by e-mail (mark3e@aol.com) or by mail to the San Francisco Board of Education. Your comments will be forwarded to the Board of Education for our review.

Mark Sanchez, Member, S.F. Board of Education



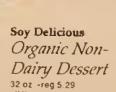


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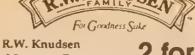
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ST. ANTHONY FOUNDATION still needs volunteers for its 12 homeless service programs, including people to serve lunch at St. Anthony Dining Room. For more info call (415)241-2600.

PRECITA EYES MISSION TRAIL MURAL TOUR every Saturday at 11 a.m. Meet near 24th and Mission BART station at Cafe Venice, 3225 24th St. Cost is \$8 general, \$5 seniors, \$2 under 18 years. The walks are guided by professional muralists. Participants view over 50 murals in the 10-block walk, including mural sites at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, and Balmy Alley, concluding at Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center. For more info call (415) 285-2287.

CLIFFORD ODET'S "PARADISE LOST." A fully mounted production of Odet's rarely performed play will be presented at City College of San Francisco (CCSF), directed by KQED's Dan Ogawa, performances are Fridays and Saturdays, March 23, 24, 30 and 31, at 8 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on April 1, at the Diego Rivera Theater, CCSF, 50 Phelan Ave. For information call (415) 452-5270. Ceneral admission is \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available from Bass and tickets.com.



COMPOSTING AND GARDENING workshops will be presented by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG): A free composting workshop on March 3rd, from 10 a.m. to noon; a workshop on rose selection, planting, feeding and general care of roses, on March 10, 10 a.m. to noon, \$5 for SLUG members, \$10 for non-members; a summer sowing workshop, March 17, 10 a.m. to noon, \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. These programs are all at the Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave. at Lawton.

THE SAN FRANCISCO HISTORY ASSN. is sponsoring EPHEMERA 2001, a collector's sale, to be held March 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the S.F. County Fair Building (formerly known as the Han of Flowers) Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way. The one-day sale of memorabilia will consist of approximately 30 dealers of early photographs, books, postcards, maps, prints and other collectibles. Admission is \$5 per person.

SOMARTS GALLERY will be presenting "6 Perspectives in 3 Dimensions" during the month of March, featuring works of metal sculptors (all working at Hunters Point Shipyard). The Gallery is located at 934 Brannan St. The exhibition will be from March 6 through 24, with a reception Thurs., March 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For more info call Carlos Loarca at 552-2131, ext. 8.

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THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFERS SPECIAL TOURS AND WALKS IN THE PRESIDIO. Among them are: WATERFRONT WALK: A tidal marsh, restored dunes and thousands of native plants that have attracted more than 140 species of birds to the Presidio of San Francisco's waterfront. Join National Park Service docent Bob Halsey on an easy two-mile walk Wed, March 7, to observe nature's return to Crissy Field. Meet at 10:30a.m. at the corner of Halleck and Mason streets on the Presidio. Reservations are required; rain cancels. For info and directions, call (415) 561-4323.

NATIONAL CEMETERY WALK: A female spy, Buffalo Soldiers and 35 Medal of Honor recipients are among more than 30,000 people buried in San Francisco National Cemetery. The walk goes through the West Coast's oldest national cemetery Sat, March 31, from 10a.m. to noon. The half-mile walk, which involves an uphill climb, begins at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Sheridan Avenue. Participants should dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes. Reservations are required: for further info call the William Penn Mott Jr. Visitor Center, (415) 561-4323 or (415) 561-4314 (TTY).

HORSESHOES AND CARROTS: Horses once played an indispensable role for the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. Learn how the calvary patrolled early national parks, then tour an historic stable now used by United States Park Police horses. Join a one-mile walk Sat, March 17, from 12 to 1:30p.m. Meet at the William Penn Mott Jr. Visitor Center on the Presidio. Children and carrots welcome. Reservations required; phone (415) 561-4323 or (415) 4314 (TTY).

WRITERS ON WRITING, with Ruthanne Lum McCunn, the author of seven books including "Thousand Pieces of Gold," "Sole Survivor" and "Wooden Fish Songs." In "The Moon Pearl" the author once again explores the world of 19th century women who defy tradition. In the Main Library, Lower Level, Latin/Hispanic Community Meeting Room-B, from 1 to 4p.m. on Sun, March 11.

THE MISSION - ITS HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE: Peter Booth Wiley will give an illustrated lecture on the history and achitecture of the Mission. From the arrival of the Spaniards to the arrival (and departure) of the dot.coms. Tues, March 20, in the Main Library, Lower Level, Koret Auditorium, at 7p.m.

BODY PARTS: an exploration of the body in two dimensions, is an exhibition of recent collaborative drawings and individual paintings by Mary Joy Scott and Monica Johnson, at Space 743 gallery, located at 743 Harrison St, between 3rd and 4th Streets. Hours: Wed, through Sat, from 12 noon to 5p.m. and by appointment, through March 31. For more info call (415) 777-9080.

SAN FRANCISCO SPCA announces a free pet support group for grieving pet owners at the Learning Center, 243 Alabama St near 16th, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tues, March 6. For information call (415) 554-3050. Dog training classes are also offered throughout March. For info call (415) 522-3509.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES is looking for volunteers to help frail seniors to celebrate Purim. All it takes is a couple of hours to stop by for a visit and deliver a Purim Food Baskct. Visits take place on Sun, March 4, between 1:30 and 4 p.m. For info call Debbi Goodman at JFCS, (415) 449-3832, or e-mail at debbig@jfcs.org.

NEW BATTERY DROP-OFF PROGRAM ANNOUNCED: The SF Recycling Program, in partnership with Walgreen's, will put in place containers that will accept all household batteries for recycling. This program will help to keep harmful components, such as cadmium, out of the landfill. For more info call (415) 554-1652.

S.F. ARTS GROUPS TO RECEIVE \$287,000 to create more spaces for the arts. Mayor Brown has announced the first grants from a special \$1 million fund developed to provide help to San Francisco arts groups. Potrero Hill's Thick Description will receive \$40,000 to help complete a performance space in the Goodman If Building on 18th Street which will feature a sprung floor for dance, bathrooms and soundproofing and also benefit other companies that perform there.

THE S.F. HISTORICAL SOCIETY is having a Barbary Coast Walking Tour on Sat, March 10, at 10a. m., beginning at Portsmouth Square, Kearny and Clay Streets, heading down Commercial Street to the City's original shoreline, past the Pony Express headquarters site, a Cold Rush museum, and then into Jackson Square, the last Cold Rush and Barbary Coast era buildings in San Francisco, including a 19th century shanghaiing den. Finally, the tour explores "Terrific Street" where early jazz dancers invented steps like the Turkey Trot.

THE SAN FRANCISCO QUILTERS GUILD presents their 2001 show "Prisms of Time", on Satu, March 31 and Sun, April I, at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 Eighth St. at Brannan. Donation \$8 adults \$6 seniors and juniors under 12 free. For more info call (415) 647-9244.

PACIFIC RIM SCULPTOR'S GROUP announces an exhibition entitled "becomings," sculptures in a variety of media, scales and interpretations, in the lobby and sculpture courtyard at 600 Townsend, at 7th St. The exhibition runs from Thurs., March 15 to Fri., May 18. It is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. An artists' reception will be held on Thurs., March 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more info call 876-PRSC.

2001 VINTAGE FASHION EXPO on March 10 and 11, at the Concourse, 635 8th Street, in Sar Francisco. More than 100 dealers will be selling clothing, textiles, jewelry and accessories from the 1850s through the 1980s in the largest and longest-running show of its type in the nation. Shopping hours are Sat., March 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun., March 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6. Early buying sessior on Saturday is from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., for \$20. For more info call (707) 793-0073.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Tamara Rey Patri

Tamara Rey Patri died suddenly and peacefully on February 10, 2001. She was born in San Francisco on August 22, 1920, the daughter of Robert Nicol and Nora Keating, and lived here most

In 1945 she married Noel Rey and worked with him on the French newspaper Le Courier Francais des Etas-Unis until it ceased publication in 1963.

Patri studied sculpture at the California School of Fine Arts (now the San Francisco Art Institute), the California Labor School, and at the Patri School of Art Fundamentals, where she subsequently taught and worked in administration. She and Giacomo Patri married in 1969, and they resided on Potrero Hill for many years.

Since he died in 1978 she continued her work in sculpture, exhibiting frequently throughout California and the United States, represented by the Sylvia White Gallery in Los Angeles.

Patri also had an avid interest in the history of San Francisco architecture, particularly Potrero Hill, Fairmount Heights, Merced Heights and Ingleside

Under the auspices of the San Francisco Public Library she led guided tours of the rich variety of architectural styles to be found in those areas, and presented lectures at San Francisco Stute University and City College on the subject.

With Judith Lynch, she was a founder of History and Architecture Resources and Training, a non-profit corporation for the development of curricula for the teaching of local history to children. She was a devoted supporter of environmental causes, contributing to the preservation of many parks in San Francisco and the Eust Bay.

Patri is survived by her son Georges Rey of Washington, D.C., and three step-sons, Piero and Tito Patri of San Francisco, and Remo Patri of Sonoma. Fred and Rose Herico and family were her devoted caregivers for the last three years of her life.

A memorial service is planned for August of this year. For information please contact Georges Rey at (202)-331-9267, 1330 New Hampshire Ave., #915, Washington DC 20036.



#### Hazel Lee Roman

Hazel Lee Roman, a Hill resident for over 40 years passed awuy of natural causes on February 7, 2001.

Ms. Roman was born July 10, 1920 in Kentwood, Louisians to the union of Bunyan and Sarah Elizabeth Roman.

Her formal education was completed in Louisiana, and, after murrying Charlie Smith in 1939, the couple moved to California in 1942, where they settled in Vallejo and looked for work in the shipyard.

Ms. Roman completed her studies at John Adams Community College, and finally settled in a career as an Eligibility Worker for the Department of Social Services. She stayed in that department for over 30 years, finally retiring in 1987.

She leaves to cherish her memories her only child Norma Nell Jackson, five grandchildren whom she helped raise: Charles Aldwin Baldwin, Charla Renee Strong, Tracy Lynn Baldwin (who preceded her in death), Leroy Jackson Ill, and Kuzuri Binti Jackson and eight great grandchildren: Lamar Christopher Mc-Ghee, Shanna Baldwin, Corenthia Lane Jackson, Sophia Monet Jackson, Shyla LeRay, Leroy Jackson IV and Maya Gisselle Bonner. She also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, eousins and friends. Hazel was a member of St. Teresa's Church and devoted her life to her family.

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## St. Teresa's Moving Day - 1924



UPPER PHOTO: On 20th Street, looking from Mississippi towards Pennsylvania.

LOWER PHOTO: On 20th Street looking toward Third from Tennessee. The church had been cut in half in order to move both sections up the hill.

Potrero Hill Archives Project - Blaisdell Collection



Prior to 1880 the present St. Teresa's territory was attended by priests from St. Peter's to which it was a mission. The congregation first worshipped in Penny's Hall at 18th and Kentucky, until enough money was raised for a permanent parish church.

St. Teresa's Church was established about 1879, and held services in the Breslan Hotel located hear 22nd and Georgia Streets. Later, an old school building at 20th and 3rd Streets was used for services.

In 1887 a fire destroyed the parish, but more property was purchased at 19th and Tennessee Streets, and the "new" church was dedicated in 1892.

In the course of time practically all the property surrounding the church was bought by the railroads and other big corporations, notably the Union Iron Works. What was locally known as "Irish Hill" was wiped out to become the location of the Pacific Gas Co.

The church suffered no damage in the disaster of 1906, and a sizeable congregation remained attached to St. Teresa's though the church was now a mile from the new center of Catholic settlement and in the midst of an industrial district.

About 200 Irish families moved to other parishes in 1918 and about 100 more of the same stock remained within the parish limits on the adjacent hills which were then being laid out for residential purposes (Potrero Hill). In 1924 then parish priest Father Harnett bought property on 19th Street between Missouri and Connecticut Streets, moved the church there and built a new Parochial Residence nearby.

(Information excerpted from historic

documents located in the Potrero Hill Archives)

In 1995, San Francisco Photographer Greg Gaar was working at the San Francisco Recycling Center when a friend came by with some old San Francisco photos he had just found in a debris box. Greg rushed over, saw what an important collection it was, and arranged for the collector Marilyn Blaisdell to buy it all.

Among the images were these dated 1924. They show the moving of St. Teresa's Church, and were taken as publicity shots for D.J. and T. Sullivan House Moving and Raising.

Some old-timers clearly remember this, but no one had clear photographs of the event - not even St. Teresa's Church.

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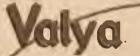
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## The Potrero Hill Street Name Restoration Project (Whew!) Continues to Inspire and Irritate

#### By Lester Zeidman

Few things could be more satisfying than stumping an entire Hill on some Street Trivia questions. Certainly someone out there went to bed wondering just how many traffic lights there are ON Potrero Hill. So, naturally, you've only encouraged me further so this month you will get another dose of mind numbing trivia along with a little history to boot.

But first let's review The Potrero Hill Street Name Restoration Project. The plan is to restore the original county names to the east/west streets of Potrero Hill. The changes will only occur here on the Hill between the Bay and the 101 freeway. The first phase will restore 18th, 19th and 20th Streets to Solano, Butte and Napa Streets, respectively. House numbers will not change here or in the Mission. The names will represent a special historical district commemorating the statehood of California and the inherent pride displayed by the city when it joined the United States of America in 1850.

And so far the project has received a warm response. Everyone has been positive and enthusiastic about the street name project so far. But I will admit that The Potrero Hill Street Names Restoration Project is a bit of a mouthful. I'm really hoping someone more clever than I will come up with a little snazzier title than that.

First I heard from Michael McCone. He was the executive director of the California Historical Society until last year. He claims that he's retired now but I might have to look into that a little deeper. It will be great to have someone like Michael give a little prestige to the Project. And if he really is retired, he should be good for doing a few little research projects. He could probably start by finding out the original name of

Third Street south of Islais Creek. Here's a hint, Michael-: Kentucky Street became Third Street on April 20, 1915 but Railroad Avenue didn't become Third Street until August 4, 1921. However,

the real reason I've assigned this project to you Mike, is because San Francisco had more than one Railroad Avenue. Your assignment this month, should you decide to accept it, is to tell us how many there were and what the current street names are today).

Hearing from Mike was encouraging. But then, how shall I say, the curmudgeon factor set in. I got this email from Bill Reque who lives at Napu and Connecticut Streets:

"This is neither a cute nor clever idea and I'll vote against it every time."

Vote? I don't recall mentioning anything about voting. Who said anything about voting, Bill? There is not going to be any voting here Bill. It's going to be unanimous! Everyone wants the street names restored! The steamroller of history has started and it is bearing down on all of us. This campaign is inevitable because it just makes sense. We're not changing the names of any street, we're just putting them back where they belong because the city had no real reason for changing them to begin with. This is our History and we need to give it its proper place.

Then Bill sent me another email. I guess he read the article a second time and got even madder:

"Any suggestion of street name changing irritates me so much that I got out my handy gazetteer and now must point out that out of your fourteen East/West street names, only four are not currently in use here in San Francisco. What is your proposal suggesting? That we force the people on those streets to return them to us? Nonsense!"

I was stunned. I couldn't believe it. Here I had been doing all this research, going to the library, searching the Internet, digging through old books and then out of the blue - Bill whips out a gazetteer and starts spewing out his own facts. Hell, I don't even know what a gazetteer is! Is it a book, a magazine, a pamphlet? Whatever it is, Bill says it's handy! Most times I can't even find a pen, let alone a gazetteer.

So now I'm stoked! I've got to have a gazetteer. My dictionary defines a gazetteer ns one who writes in a gazette. This really ticks me off and makes me want to heave the dictionary through the window. But then I remember my trusty little Zip Coder. I got this little pamphlet from All Occasions Rentals. They were located in that group of buildings off of Mariposa Street when you took that shortcut over by Indiana Street. Well the shortcut is gone and I think All Occasion saw the steamroller of history coming and moved to Daly City. But their little Zip Code Directory lives on next to the pencil sharpener on my desk. With a deft stroke of the old magic marker, it was now a Zip Code

I emailed back to Bill to see if his handy gazetteer had any answers to the street trivia questions. Unfortunately for Bill, the gazetteer was not as handy as he thought. But I'm sure even Bill had had occasion to stop at Potrero Hill's one and only traffic light, at the 1280 exit and Mariposa Street. This month's second street trivia question involves East Street the My Zip Code Gazetter does not list an East Street but I'll bet that Bill can tell me what the name of East Street is today and perhaps when that change took place.

And by the way, my State Board of Equalization County Tax Rate Guide (Top that, Bill!) shows any number of California counties that are being ignored on the streets of the great City of San Francisco, all just ripe for the picking.

The original name of Golden Gate Avenue was Tyler Street. Named for our tenth president John Tyler, the first vice-president to succeed to the presidency. In 1841, John Tyler became president after William Henry Harrison died after only one month in office. This street was renamed in honor of the opening of Golden Gate Park. As far as I can tell everyone likes Golden Gate Avenue so it's highly unlikely that Mr. Tyler will have his honor restored.

One of John Tyler's first acts as President was the annexation of the Republic of Texas. He also presided over Texas' statehood in 1846. Four short years later, Texas became a street on Potrero Hill.

Next month we'll learn about whatever happened to Serpentine Street, a very, very little known street on Potrero Hill. In the meantime, keep the cards, letters, and crabby emails coming! This inovenent is building slowly, but it's building. I'm convinced. I'd love to hear from you!

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#### Last Month's Street Trivia

- What is the original name of Third Street south of Burke Street (Islais Creek)?
- 2. How many traffic lights are there on Potrero Hill? (That's ON Potrero Hill, not around it)
- 3. What was the original name of Golden Gate Avenue and why was it changed?

Answers in this Month's Article

#### More Street Trivia

- 1. How many streets were named Railroad Ave and what are their names today?
- 2. What is the current name for East Street?
- 3. King Street runs past the new ballpark. For whom was it named after?
- Bonus Question redux: Sorry, the song was written in the 50's but didn't get popular until the 60's when Cher sang it. So, name a street that sounds like it came from the background vocals of a 60's rock & roll classic?

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I have always enjoyed this photograph because it shows the original gentle slope of Potrero Hill as it forms the small valley between De Haro Street to the left and then down towards Solano and Arkansas Streets. Potrero is the Spanish word for pasture and this photo certainly evokes the pastoral nature of Potrero Hill in 1892. While it probably won't show here in the newspaper, in the original photo you can make out the slopes of Nob Hill and Russian Hill in the distance - long before the buildings took away that splendid panorama. You can see this and more pictures of early Potrero Hill at the Potrero Hill Library on Napa Street, courtesy of the Potrero Hill Archive Project. Note that the streets are really closer to being just paths along the side of the Hill and certainly not the streets as we know them

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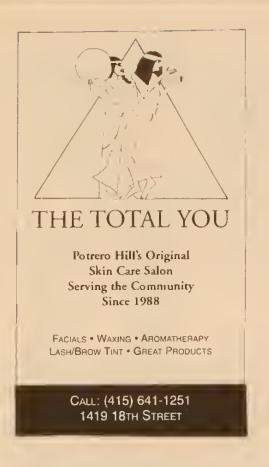
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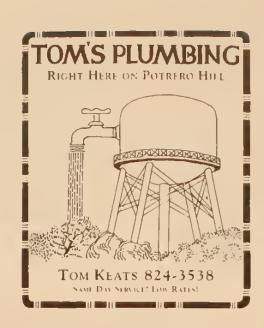
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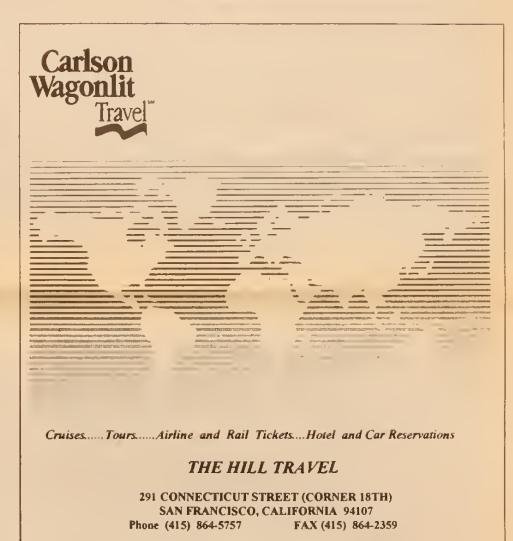
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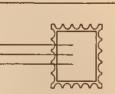
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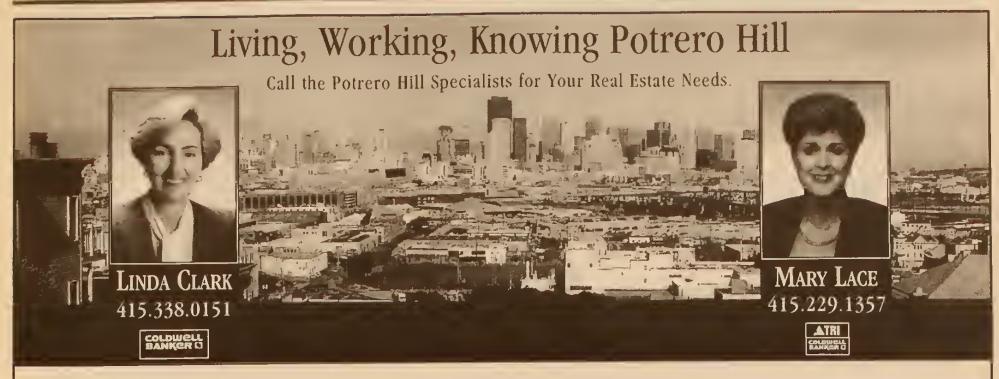
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